## Ellsworth Air Force Base Advanced Metering Project

A Partnership between Ellsworth AFB and MDU Resources Group, Inc. to install advanced metering on all large buildings at EAFB



\*This briefing represents a specific advanced metering project at Ellsworth AFB and reflects only the position of the presenter.



- Based in Bismarck, North Dakota
- Celebrated our 86<sup>th</sup> year in 2010
- NYSE MDU for over 60 years
- Over \$6B in assets
- Fortune 500 Company
- Member of the S&P MidCap 400 Index
- Over 8,000 employees in 44 states





- Ellsworth AFB and Minot AFB Montana Dakota Utilities
  Co. Service Area
- ND, SD, MT, WY, MN, ID, OR, WA
- Ellsworth AFB and the MDU Resources Group, Inc. have a well developed partnership having completed numerous projects over the past decade
  - Propane Air Mix Plant / Expansion
  - Two UESC Task Orders
  - Third UESC Task Order in ongoing



- When EPACT 05 was passed mandating the installation of advanced electrical metering on all large buildings, EAFB and MDU Resources Group, Inc. again joined forces
- Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. was in the process of integrating advanced metering throughout their service territories in eight states for approximately 1 million gas and electric customers



- Methodology for EAFB System
  - Utilize a wireless system (Itron)
    - Rely on extensive research done by MDU for their system
    - Ensure compatibility with MDU data gathering and storage system
  - Concentrate on getting basic data.
    - Linking the data with EMCS systems is outside the scope of the project
    - Controlling HVAC systems is outside the scope of the project./
  - Make Bitter Creek (MDU Resources, Inc. subsidiary) responsible for all aspects of the project/system.





- Methodology for EAFB System
  - Meter Installation
    - Electric
    - Natural Gas
    - Water
  - Data Gathering System
    - Towers
    - Server
  - Web based data display system

- Open protocol software
- Customized to meet EAFB's needs

## Electric Meter Installations



 Electric Meter installed on Transformers



Electric Meter with ERT

## Natural Gas Meter Installations



Small Gas Meter with ERT



Large Gas Meter with ERT

## Water Meter Installations



Water Meter with ERT



Remote Water ERT





- Project Programming (ACES)
  - Readily available data enables EAFB to identify potential energy saving projects
  - Metered data allows EAFB personnel to justify projected project savings
- Usage Reporting (DUERS)
- Usage Validation
  - Validate Purchased Utility Invoices
  - Validate Reimbursable Utility Invoices



- Increased accountability for utility consumption
  - Building Managers
  - Building occupants
  - Reimbursable customers
- Improve ability of EAFB to respond to utility rate filings and negotiate more favorable utility rates





